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Re: Amendment and Response
Appl. No.: 09/555,575
Filed: June 1, 2000
Title: **Novel Compounds Useful in Pain Management**
Inventor(s): Delorme, *et al.*
Atty. Dkt.: 7567/73178 (formerly 81823/268623)

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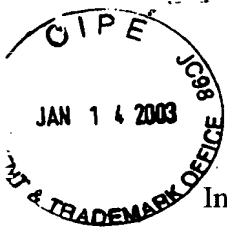
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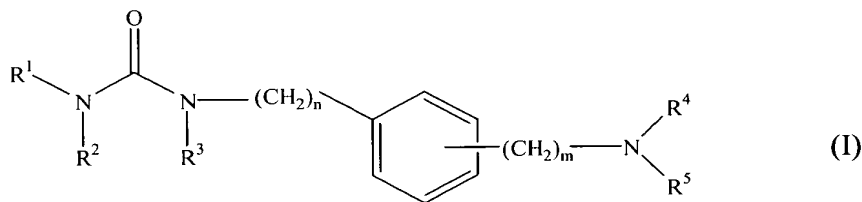
In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments

In the Claims

Please amend claims 29 and 40 to read as follows:

29. (Twice amended) A compound according to formula I:



wherein

m and n are each and independently an integer from 1-3, and one or more of the

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